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1. THE USE OF NATO AS A COORDINATION CENTER FOR DISASTER RELIEF IS A GOOD IDEA IN GENERAL AND WE FULLY APPRECIATE ITS POTENTIAL. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT USING IT IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEM MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES IN REF. E. WE WOULD PREFER TO EXTEND OUR AID TO CYPRUS EITHER BILATERALLY OR IN COORDINATION WITH THE UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE (UNDRO).

2. SHOULD ANY OF THE ALLIES INDICATE AN INTEREST IN USING NATO AS A DISASTER ASSISTANCE COORDINATION CENTER AND INFORMATION CLEARING HOUSE TO AVOID OVERLAPPING AND DUPLICATION IN THEIR BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AID EFFORTS YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEM PRIVATELY AND INFORMALLY TO POINT OUT THE REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE THE UNDRO WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE COORDINATING AGENCY IN THIS INSTANCE. FOR THIS PURPOSE YOU MAY DRAW AT YOUR DISCRETION ON THIS AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY REF. E. IN THAT EVENT, SYG LUNS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMALLY ADVISED OF OUR VIEWS.

3. FYI. WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY DISCOURAGING OR OBJECTING TO THE IDEA OF USING NATO AS AN AID COORDINATION CENTER SINCE THIS MIGHT APPEAR TO DOWNGRADE CEP POTENTIAL IN THIS AREA OF ACTIVITIES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF CEP WOULD UNNECESSARILY EXPEND POLITICAL CAPITAL, SINCE IT APPEARS FROM REF. D THAT THE UNDRO IS ALREADY IN THE DRIVERS SEAT FOR COORDINATING AID TO CYPRUS, AND THAT THE NATO AID COORDINATION PROPOSAL WILL THUS FADE. END FYI.

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